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A Message From Our Agency Director

Dr. Curtis Rogers has been a staple in the library community for over thirty years. Prior to joining the South Carolina State Library, Dr. Rogers worked at the Union Carnegie Library and the Charleston County Public Library. For the last twenty-seven years, he has been with us at the South Carolina State Library, but Dr. Rogers plans to retire on July 2nd of this year, leaving us with big shoes to fill.

We know that it will be impossible to fill Dr. Rogers' position with someone who has such a warm approach to helping others and such historical knowledge of libraries, particularly the South Carolina State Library. Dr. Rogers joined the State Library as a Reference Librarian; during his tenure, he was also a Library Development Consultant, the agency's first Webmaster, and the agency's first member of the Communications Department. Dr. Rogers is ending his career as the Director of Communications with a staff of three.



Dr. Rogers is well accomplished and has focused his career on education. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, Master of Library and Information Science, and Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of South Carolina, where he taught classes. In 2001, he completed the University of the Azores Summer Study Course in Azorean Portuguese Culture and Language, and in 2002 completed the Certified Public Manager credential. He is a recipient of the 2015 F. William Summers Outstanding Alumni Award from the USC School of Library and Information Science. Dr. Rogers has greatly influenced the library profession, and even more so, libraries and librarians in South Carolina.

Some of his accomplishments include writing the agency's accountability report for several years, creating the agency's annual report, creating a social media campaign for the agency, developing a national library survey on library use of social media for public relations, and presenting those findings at the 2009 German Library Association Conference and the State and University Library of Hamburg. He currently serves on the board of the Library Marketing and Communications Conference. He has served as secretary of the SC Academy of Authors and chair of the USC School of Library and Information Annual Literacy Leaders (ALL) Awards committee.

Curtis has been a dedicated and loyal state servant and has tirelessly promoted education, library development, and library services. He performed the duties and responsibilities of his position joyfully, consistently offering to pitch in and assist others. He took on many projects over the years and completed them above expectation. We are grateful for the many years of service that Dr. Rogers has given to the State Library and the State of South Carolina. We wish him well as he enters retirement, although he won't be resting long, as he plans to start his own consulting firm. We do hope that he

enjoys a more leisurely pace in a few of the days ahead. Please join me in wishing Curtis well by sending him an email to: crogers@statelibrary.sc.gov.



Thank You,

Leesa M. Aiken
Director, South Carolina State Library

UPCOMING events

We Survived: Boosting Staff and Community Morale and Wellness During Crisis 06/09/2021

Help your community thrive during times of crisis by finding creative ways to help staff and patrons adapt to challenging circumstances and remain motivated and engaged.

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References for the Reference Staff 06/16/2021

Learn tips and tricks to being a reference wizard and know when to use one resource over another.

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Best New Picture Books for Ages One to Six 06/23/2021

See the “best of the best” from the 2021 and late 2020 publishing crop, including great read-aloud books, distinguished illustrations, and picture books about diversity and inclusion.

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Programming at Home: Parents and Caregivers 06/30/2021

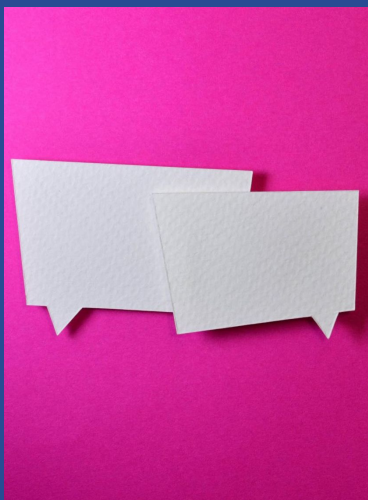
Give families a behind-the-scenes look at how library staff creates dynamic and enjoyable programs for children to help them adapt library crafts and activities to at-home use.

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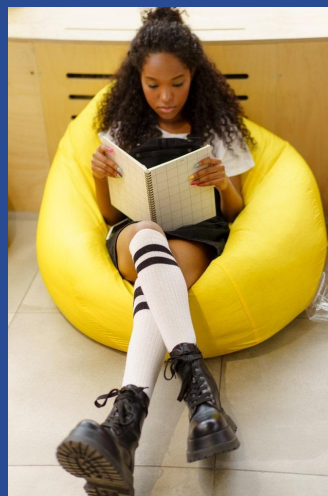
Soaking Up Knowledge

Since March, libraries and cultural heritage organizations from across South Carolina joined the [Northeast Document Conservation Center](#) for emergency preparedness training. Participants dove deep into ways to preserve materials that suffer water damage. From books and magazines to photos and cassette tapes, they are better prepared to salvage various collections. The training is sponsored by the South Carolina State Library and funded by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#).



Library Services for the Justice-Involved

Collaborate with other library staff to uncover ways to deliver library services to the justice-involved. Panelists will explain how libraries can partner with the criminal justice system, and lead a group discussion to brainstorm new ideas. Mark your calendar and [plan to join us live](#) to participate in the conversation. We will offer a recorded version for anyone who is not able to attend.



Recommending Books Teens Will Love

Learn to connect with teens and decipher new books they'll love based on current favorites. It takes knowing how to speak a teenager's language and find the resources that are full of recommendations. We'll break it down during the [RA for YA webinar on June 17](#). Bring your questions and an open mind.

Be Virtual and Victorious

If the words “virtual” or “Zoom” make you immediately want to tune out, tune in to [Advanced Virtual Program Techniques](#) on June 22, and bring life back to your programs. Emily Mroczek demonstrates that lacking presence doesn’t mean you need to lack pizzazz. From videos to tricks with technology, she will have you eager to add to your events calendar. Please bring your questions and [register to join us](#).



Got Questions?



We have answers! Bring your cataloging questions to next week’s RDA refresher courses. Rare Books Catalogers David Shay and Katie Hoskins from the [USC Hollings Library](#) will work with you line-by-line to demonstrate how RDA rules translate to [Non-English Language Materials \(June 8\)](#) and [3D Materials \(June 9\)](#). The hour-long sessions are beneficial for catalogers of any experience level. Registration is free; join us.



Don't Sweat Summer Reading

We have summer reading covered with an aim to support public libraries to provide quality, community-based programs throughout the summer. Our [summer reading libguide](#) is easy to navigate and offers resources, supporting data, and grant guidance. Find the latest information from the [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#) and contact information for literary leaders in your community.

South Carolina Talking Book Services

More Than One Way to Enjoy Summer Reading

The [Talking Books Services](#) staff encourages patrons to join the fun of summer reading. Enrolled TBS patrons of all ages are welcome to participate. To register and keep track of your numbers, contact a reader advisor at (800) 922-7818. Let them know whether you are reading for Number of Books or Number of Hours. You will receive an enrollment packet, a motivation packet in July, and a completion packet in August. The top

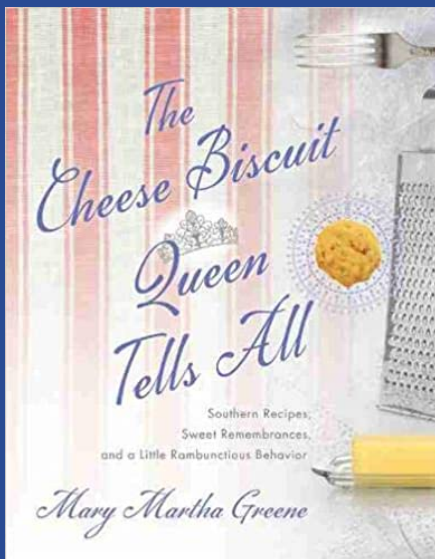
readers of each age group will earn a special prize pack. All readers have a chance to win the grand prize Kindle to use with BARD.

New Resources

[Discus- South Carolina's Virtual Library](#)

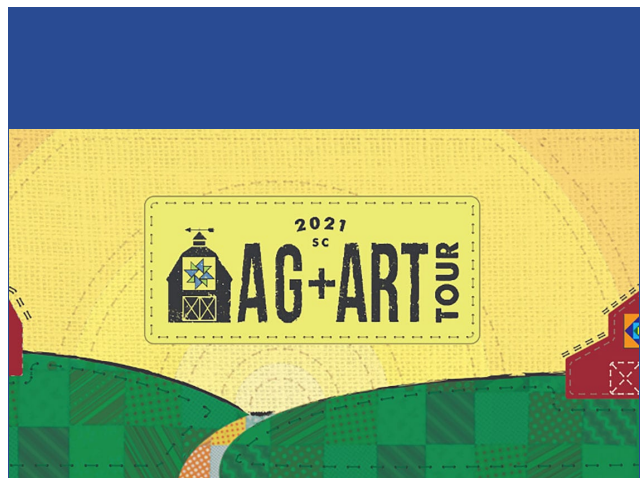
added four new databases. They are free for South Carolinians to access via the Discus and [State Library](#) websites.

- [Ferguson's Career Guidance Center](#): Users may tour 140 industries and over 1,000 professions through detailed content, video interviews, and educational pathways.
- [African- American History](#): Explore the African-American experience through key biographies, videos, primary documents, timelines, articles, and more.
- [PebbleGo- Animals](#): This database is available in English and Spanish to provide engaging read-aloud audio and videos with articles appropriate for young learners.
- [PebbleGo Next- Biographies](#): Students in grades three to five will find the extensive list of actors, explorers, women, American Indians, and other notable figures helpful when working on research and projects.



Southern Baking Royalty

Family recipes are about as popular as the stories that accompany them. Former lobbyist turned author Mary Martha Greene shares both in her book, [The Cheese Biscuit Queen Tells All: Southern Recipes, Sweet Remembrances, and a](#)



Hit the Road

Get outside this month and take advantage of the many stops along the Ag + Art Tour, Sponsored by [Clemson Extension](#). Every weekend in June, the free, self-guided tour is available at different farms throughout South Carolina. Local artisans will be on

[Little Rambunctious Behavior](#), published by the University of South Carolina Press. This [LibraryVoices SC podcast](#) explains why it is essential to preserve family heritage through recipes and traditions. Greene also shares stories from her days at the South Carolina State House that are sure to make you chuckle. Listen online on [Podbean](#), [Stitcher](#), [Tune-in Radio](#), or your favorite podcast app.

hand to showcase our state's best homegrown and handmade experiences. [Check the schedule](#) and plan your road trip.

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